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task will find his toil materially lightened by the work which was carried so far by Dr. Owen, and brought to completion by Mrs. Owen and her collaborators.

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The plains and the Rockies. A bibliography of original narratives of travel and adventure, 1800-1865. By Henry R. Wagner. (San Francisco: John Howell, 1921. 193 p.)

In 1920 this book first appeared but, because of a number of errors which crept in through "an unfortunate misunderstanding," the sale was stopped after some copies had been put into circulation. The author brought out another edition with corrections and additions the following year. The book, according to the statement of the preface, is "designed principally for the use of collectors." Nevertheless the student of western history, who, perforce, is most often not a collector in the accepted sense of the term, will welcome its appearance.

The material is arranged chronologically, starting with Alexander Mackenzie's *Voyages from Montreal* and concluding with Wright's *Chivington's massacre of the Cheyenne Indians*, printed at Denver in 1864 or 1865. Government publications and commercially issued works, as well as privately printed accounts, are noted in the list. Each item consists of the title of the work under consideration, together with a statement of such maps, charts, etc., as are to be found therein, and, in most instances, a note which gives an indication of its scope. Reprints and later editions are also noted with the details which would be desired by the collector.

Since this is a handbook for the collector and not for the historian, there are omissions which the latter regrets, for no matter what may have been the time when a narrative was written, the date of its publication determines whether it is to be included or excluded. For example, Lapenteur's *Forty years a fur trader on the upper Missouri* finds no place because it was printed some dozen years ago, although the tale has to do with the period comprised within the limits set by the compiler. Nevertheless, *The plains and the Rockies* should form a valuable addition to the bibliographical material available to the historian and will be an ever-present aid to those who devote attention to the ante-bellum story of the region west of the Mississippi.

The Wilderness road to Kentucky. Its location and features. By William Allen Pusey, A. M., M. D. (New York: George H. Doran company, 1921. 131 p.)

Dr. Pusey says in his preface, "I became interested in the location of the Wilderness Road through ownership of William Brown's journal of